

Iron County Register.

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IRONTON, MISSOURI.

The northern coast of the island of Newfoundland is blockaded with ice, and the mail steamer has been unable to make her trips.

Yale has accepted the challenge of the University of California for a dual track meet to be held in New Haven, Conn., about May 17.

Advised received in Liverpool, on the 4th, that the British steamer Knight Companion, ashore at Iwabo-Saki, Japan, will probably become a total loss.

The Spanish chamber has adopted the bill requiring the payment of customs duties in gold on imports of grain, coal, oil, petroleum and its products and other specified materials.

Herman Wolff, the famous concert hall manager of Berlin, died on the 4th. Herr Wolff began his career as a manager for Rubenstein, and was later manager for Hans von Bülow, the musician.

The Bavarian government has sold a loan of 86,000,000 marks to a syndicate of Bavarian bankers. The loan bears interest at three and one-half per cent., and subscriptions to it will soon be opened.

Andrew Carnegie, on the night of the 6th, formally presented to the Stevens Institute of Technology, at Hoboken, N. J., the building erected at his expense and known as the "Carnegie Laboratory of Engineering."

Mrs. Jefferson Davis will visit Jackson, Miss., to greet the last legislature that will assemble in the historic capital. It is understood that "Beauvoir," her old home on the Gulf coast, will be purchased by the state and converted into a home for indigent confederates.

John M. Spann, president of the Commercial club, and a charter member of the Columbia club, dropped dead in the Union station at Indianapolis, Ind., on the night of the 5th. He was 50 years old, and was one of the wealthiest and most prominent men of Indianapolis.

The Minnesota state board of pardons, on the 5th, refused to grant the petition for an absolute pardon for James and Cole Younger, and the two noted convicts will have to remain in Minnesota, being now out of prison on parole, but limited to the state borders.

A truce has been declared in the trouble at the State School of Mines at Golden, Col., and it has been agreed to submit all differences between faculty and students to arbitration. Under this agreement the deserted school has been reopened and the suspended students reinstated.

Word was received, on the 6th, of the death of Jonathan Clark at his plantation, Fruitland, Fla. Mr. Clark was a pioneer citizen of Chicago, and is said to have erected more buildings in that city than any other man. The decedent was born in England 79 years ago. Death was due to heart disease.

The Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern shop employees at Washington, Ind., who had been out on a strike for several weeks, declared the strike off, on the 7th, having already conceded every point and lost the contest. The men agree to return to work in a body or singly, as the company might desire.

On the 7th the state department received a report from Consul-General Holloway at St. Petersburg on the unusual topic "Railroad Accidents in Russia." He says a recent report of the minister of ways of communication showed that in 1899 there were 4,447 accidents, or an average of a little more than 12 per diem.

Representatives Babcock and Long, members of the house ways and means committee, called on President Roosevelt, on the 4th, and discussed with him Cuban reciprocity. It was stated by a republican member of the ways and means committee that there was little further doubt that the committee would report some measure of Cuban reciprocity.

Returns received from Manila indicate the election, in most cases, of natives as governors of provinces. Capt. Harry H. Bandholz, of the Second infantry, defeated Maj. Cornelius Gardner, of the Thirtieth infantry, the present governor of Tayabas province. The military men claim that accepting elective office will necessitate resignation from the army.

On the opening of the Colonial legislature at Kingston, Jamaica, on the 4th, the governor, Sir Augustus Hemming, announced, for the first time in many years, a slight surplus in the transactions of the year. The improvement in financial condition is due, in a great measure, to the growth of the fruit trade between Jamaica and the United States and England.

Capt. Charles S. Sigbee, chief of the naval intelligence bureau, was the guest of honor of the Cincinnati Business Men's club at their banquet on the night of the 6th. Capt. Sigbee spoke at length on the navy, outlining the work, and generally recognizing the efficiency of that department of the government and of its inestimable value to the expanding commerce of the country.

What is regarded by physicians as one of the most difficult skin grafting operations ever performed has been completed in Chicago. On the body of five-year-old Marion Weaver 219 square inches of skin has been grafted. The operation took five months, as the surgeon could operate only every fortnight, owing to the low state of the boy's vitality. The new cuticle covers the patient's chest, abdomen, back and sides.

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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

FIFTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

In the senate, on the 3d, the measure providing for an increase in the salaries of United States judges was under discussion for an hour, without result. Another spirited debate on the Philippine tariff bill was precipitated as the result of some remarks made by Mr. Carmack (dem. Tenn.), in the course of an extended speech on the general Philippine question, which was participated in by Mr. Beveridge (ind.) and Tillman (S. C.).

In the house, the day was devoted to a general debate on the oleomargarine bill, the opponents of which began the day by an attempt to filibuster against it, but were beaten by more than a two-thirds vote. Those who opposed the bill favored the substitute designed to prevent the fraudulent sale of oleomargarine under guise of butter.

In the senate, on the 4th, the bill providing for a 25 per cent. increase in the salaries of United States judges was voted down. The urgent deficiency appropriation bill was then taken up and accorded the remainder of the session. John P. Dredge, successor of the late Senator Swann of New Jersey, was introduced into the house, debate on the oleomargarine bill was continued and occupied almost the entire session, the opponents of the bill making a strong fight in the presentation of arguments.

In the senate, on the 5th, consideration of the urgent deficiency appropriation bill occupied the entire day's session, passing just before adjournment, substantially in the form in which it was introduced from the committee. In the house, a general debate was reached whereby the oleomargarine bill should be brought to a vote after two more days of consideration, one to be devoted to general debate, and one to debate on the floor.

In the senate, on the 6th, after four hours' further discussion, the Philippine tariff bill was completed so far as the committee amendments were concerned, all of them being adopted. Several other amendments were referred to be offered and considered. In the house, the day was spent on the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, an increase of \$50,000 over the last appropriation, was passed. Two amendments, providing for a commission to redistrict the legislative districts of Oklahoma, and authorizing the president to employ the temporary clerical force employed on account of the war with Spain, were adopted.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The state of Puebla and Oaxaca, Mexico, will send fine exhibits of native marble to the St. Louis exposition.

The offices and warehouses of the Neenah Cold Storage Co. in Appleton, Wis., were destroyed by fire on the 7th. It is estimated that \$100,000 worth of cheese, butter, eggs and general farm produce were stored in the building. The entire structure and contents are a total loss.

Assistant Secretary of State Hill, Adjutant-General Corbin and Rear-Admiral Evans have been officially designated as the president's delegates for the reception and entertainment of H. R. H. Prince Henry of Prussia.

The United Irish societies of Cincinnati, through their president, Joseph P. Kealy, have made public a protest against the proposed visit of Miss Alice Roosevelt, daughter of the president, to attend the coronation of King Edward VII.

The charters of between 2,000 and 3,000 corporations in the state of Illinois will be canceled on the first day of March by Secretary of State Euse, because of their failure to comply with the corporation law passed in 1899.

May Dennis, charged with murdering her husband on June 14 last, by shooting him, was declared not guilty by a jury at Quincy, Ill. The verdict found that she was insane at the time, and she had not fully recovered.

The house committee on territories has decided to report on the bills providing for admission of Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico to statehood on Friday, February 21.

The Venezuelan troops sent to disperse the insurgents in the vicinity of Guirica have been compelled to fall back upon Carupano, which place they reached in an exhausted condition. The troops lost a number of men killed or wounded.

Lourens Erasmus, better known under the name of Commandant Marais, has been captured in the neighborhood of Laingsburg. Marais was the leader of the Boers who operated in the Swart Kop range in 1901.

Forty representative millers of central Kansas met at Saline, on the 7th, and formed an association to act in harmony with a national order for the purpose of erecting at the St. Louis World's fair a building for the display of wheat and products of the mills of the United States.

Pope Leo XIII. was present at a special mass in the Sistine chapel on the 7th, the twenty-fourth anniversary of the death of Pope Pius IX. His holiness pronounced the absolute in a clear, strong voice.

France has formally notified the United States that she will participate in the St. Louis World's fair. This is the first definite acceptance by any European power to take part in the fair.

Representative Griffith, of Indiana, introduced a bill in congress to provide for coupon currency in order that small sums, in multiples of five cents, conveniently may be sent by mail.

It now seems certain that, owing to the attitude of the European powers and the Boer leaders, the Dutch government is now firmly determined to abandon the Boer cause and any idea of fresh intervention.

Kamteheff, the Bulgarian minister of public instruction, was assassinated in his study, on the 6th, at Sofia, by a Macedonian, who pretended he wanted to present a petition. The assassin subsequently committed suicide by shooting himself.

The decision of the senate committee on foreign commerce to report the Danish islands treaty without amendment or dissent assures for the measure speedy ratification.

The two oldest residents of Toledo, O., and probably the oldest in northwestern Ohio, died on the 6th. They were Mrs. Hannah Torrains, aged 104 years, 7 months and 10 days, and Mrs. Dora Estine, aged 104 years and 1 day.

Burglars effected an entrance to the armory of Troop G, First Illinois Cavalry, at Peoria, Ill., and stole 50 Smith & Wesson revolvers, the property of the United States government. They were looted to the state and by them to the troop.

The Illinois building at the Charleston (S. C.) exposition was discovered on fire a nine o'clock, on the morning of the 6th, and narrowly escaped destruction. Had it not been for the timely discovery of the flames the pretty little building would be a mass of ruins. The fire originated under the hearth.

Emperor William has placed the seal of his approval on American opera talent in the person of Geraldine Farrar, a 19-year-old Massachusetts girl, who is the reigning success at the Royal opera house in Berlin.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

A great fire swept through Paterson, N. J., on the 9th, and in its desolate wake left the embers and ashes of property valued in preliminary estimates at ten million dollars. It burned its way through the business section of the city and claimed as its own a majority of the finer structures devoted to commercial, civil, educational and religious uses, as well as scores of houses. There was but small tribute of life and injury to the conflagration, but hundreds were left homeless and thousands without employment.

The steamship Philadelphia of the American line, which arrived at New York, on the 9th, broke the record for having made the longest communication with the land by means of the Marconi wireless telegraph system. On the 1st, the steamship was at 12:15 p. m. a few miles off the Lizard. Messages were then exchanged, and the telegraphing was kept up until midnight of the following day.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered in the Jewish synagogue at Springfield, O., on the 9th, this being the first time the Christian ceremony has taken place in a Hebrew house of worship. The sacrament was administered by Rev. Small, of the Congregational church, which was recently burned. Chevzedukah congregation offered the use of the synagogue until a new church is built.

The worst loss of life from fire ever recorded in St. Louis, with one exception, occurred, on the morning of the 9th, in the destruction of the Empire apartment house, 2700-02 Olive street. The fire was a fierce one, and soon accomplished its work of destruction, including the sacrifice of 11 lives—ten men and one woman—most of whom were suffocated or burned to death in their rooms.

Fire, on the 9th, destroyed nearly all of the business section of Elberton, Ga., doing damage which is estimated at \$100,000. The city had no fire protection, and the bucket brigade formed by citizens was of no avail in a temperature of 20 degrees and a high wind.

Senator Lerna, the newly-elected governor of Batavia province, P. I., died after his election, when he was called on to account for \$4,000 of insurgent funds. He is still missing.

In the senate, on the 10th, consideration of the Philippine tariff bill occupied the entire session. Mr. Turner (Wash.) concluding his speech, he began on the 7th, on the legal phase of the question. Mr. Teller (Col.) obtained the floor, but almost immediately requested that he be allowed to continue his address on the 11th. In the house general debate on the oleomargarine bill occupied the day and was finally concluded, a large number of members speaking upon the measure.

At Detroit, on the 10th, Cashier Frank C. Andrews was placed under arrest on a warrant charging him with taking over a million dollars from the City savings bank without the authorization of the directors. He was arrested in the office of the Detroit Trust Co., arraigned and released on \$10,000 bail.

Dr. Ernest F. Robinson, Gen. Frederick Funston's physician, forwarded to the war department, on the 10th, a certificate in support of an application for a three months' extension of leave of absence for Gen. Funston. The general's leave expires March 10 under the present order. He is recovering rapidly.

Gen. Maximo Gomez arrived at Santiago de Cuba, on the 10th, on his way to Santo Domingo. He was given a great demonstration. A large crowd had assembled, with bands of music. The municipal police and firemen also turned out to welcome him.

Seven years in the penitentiary at Walla Walla was the sentence imposed on Attorney W. A. Lewis of Spokane, Wash., on the 10th, convicted of stealing more than a thousand dollars from Mrs. Nettie Bauer Platt, one of his clients.

With a view of relieving the budget, King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, in his speech to be delivered at the reopening of the Italian parliament, will voluntarily ask for a reduction in his civil list.

Special dispatches received in Berlin, on the 10th, from Vienna, said that the government of Austria and Germany were exchanging notes concerning the abolition of sugar bounties.

A west-bound immigrant special over the Canadian Pacific railway was derailed two miles east of Moose Head on the 10th. One boy was killed and 12 other passengers were injured.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Recent Deaths.

William Avery, of Higbee, aged 60, suddenly, of apoplexy.

Wm. A. Scott, a prominent citizen of Butler.

B. W. Miller, aged 75, for many years a prominent citizen of Saline county.

Christian Oswald, a well-to-do farmer, aged 70, and one of the oldest settlers of Cooper county.

Mrs. Eady Barrett, wife of J. C. Barrett, of St. Charles.

Mrs. Boenica Ruenzi, 67 years old, wife of Mr. Abraham Ruenzi, of St. Charles, very suddenly.

Mrs. Caroline Grabel, of St. Charles, aged 59.

Thomas D. Skinner, a veteran traveling salesman, at St. Joseph, of heart failure, aged 74.

Isaac N. Tower, a wealthy farmer, at St. Joseph, of pneumonia, aged 44.

James White, widely known as a veteran steamboatman on the Mississippi in early days, near Farmington, aged 94.

E. H. Steinhart, a well-known banker of St. Charles, after an illness of several weeks of cancer of the stomach. He was 37 years old. He leaves a wife and one child.

George M. McNish, aged 88, at his residence in Brookfield. He was a pioneer and the oldest citizen of Brookfield. He came from Scotland in 1865, and was one of the fathers of the Congregational church. He was honored by all who knew him. His death was the result of a fall, which broke his hip.

Elijah Kitch, aged 71, at the Poplar Bluff hospital. The deceased had for the past eight years been connected with the Evening Citizen of Poplar Bluff.

As Viewed by the Supreme Court.

The case of State vs. Dan Shelley, of St. Louis, has been reversed and remanded by the supreme court. Shelley was accused of fraudulently and feloniously impersonating an elector. He impersonated Joseph Conley, and was given two years in the penitentiary by the lower court. The supreme court reversed the case because the state does not show in the indictment that Conley was dead or removed from the precinct. He may have been an elector when registered, but the state does not prove that Conley was an elector when impersonated.

New Asylum Building.

The board of managers of the hospital for the insane No. 2, at a meeting held in St. Joseph, decided to build two additions to its main buildings at a cost of \$15,000 each. A \$20,000 addition has just been completed and accepted. Dr. J. R. Thompson, of Princeton, was appointed fourth assistant physician, an office created by the legislature last winter.

Unlucky Thirteen.

Dan Steele, one of the firemen killed in a fire at St. Louis, was standing near a member of fire company 13 when the walls fell. When his purse was opened it contained \$13. Fireman Steele was a magnificent specimen of manhood, standing 6 feet 3 inches, weighed 240 pounds, and was only 42 years of age.

Free Delivery at Macon.

Postmaster W. J. Wilson of Macon has been notified that the postal department had approved the report of the inspector, and an order had been issued for the establishment of free mail delivery in Macon, June 1. This is the smallest town as regards population in the state to be granted a free mail delivery.

Bignami Pleaded Guilty.

John F. Shane, charged with bigamy, entered plea of guilty in the circuit court at Booneville, and was sentenced to serve three years in the penitentiary. Shane's wives numbered seven.

A "Dandy Copper" Robbed.

Pickpockets robbed Policeman Soraghan, of St. Louis, of \$15. He immediately reported the matter, but has no hopes that the offender will be apprehended.

Rural Free Delivery.

Rural free delivery service will be established March 1 at Critch, Henry county, with four carriers. Length of routes, 104 1/4 miles; population served, 2,020.

Fire Near Marshall.

A large barn belonging to John Buck, near Marshall, was destroyed by fire with a large amount of feed implements, etc.; loss, \$4,000.

Shot While Hunting.

Kiah, aged 11, son of Marion Rorabaugh, five miles north of Memphis, was fatally shot by his cousin Henry Rorabaugh, while hunting.

Burned in the Night.

At Hartville the residence of Dr. J. B. Barton, with most of the household goods and furniture, was destroyed by fire at night.

Boy Burned to Death.

A small son of T. B. Dobbs, of Hartville, fell into the fireplace and was burned to death before assistance could be rendered.

Episcopal Conference at Macon.

The annual convention of the Episcopal church met with the St. James church in Macon for a five days' session.

Emulated Mrs. Nation.

Ben Masterson, emulating Carrie Nation, smashed two drug stores at Cedar City, with a hatchet, and caused a riot.

Preparing for Business.

The Wabash Railway Co. has ordered \$3,000,000 worth of steel rails in anticipation of heavy World's fair travel.

Fire at Marshall.

An old landmark, the Saline hotel, at Marshall, was destroyed by fire, and the inmates lost nearly everything.

King Released Under Bond.

J. R. King, one of the principals in a shooting scrape, in Caruthersville, was released on a \$2,000 bond.

A LOSS OF TEN MILLIONS.

The Best Portion of Paterson, N. J., Reduced to Blackened Ruins by Fire.

LOSS IS ESTIMATED AT TEN MILLIONS.

The Entire Business Section and Hundreds of Residences Destroyed—The Firemen Powerless, in the Face of a Strong Wind, to Stay the Progress of the Relentless Flames.

Paterson, N. J., Feb. 9.—A great fire swept through Paterson today, and in its desolate wake are the embers and ashes of property valued in preliminary estimate at ten million dollars. It burned its way through the business section of the city and claimed as its own a majority of the finer structures devoted to commercial, civil, educational and religious uses, as well as scores of houses. There was but small tribute of life and injury to the conflagration, but hundreds were left homeless and thousands without employment.

A relief movement for the care of those unsheltered and unprovided for has already been organized, and Mayor John Hinchcliffe said to-night that Paterson would be able to care for her own without appealing to the charity of other communities and states. The great manufacturing plants of the place are safe and the community, temporarily dazed by the calamity, has already commenced the work of reorganization and restoration.

The fire came at last midnight and was only checked after a desperate fight that lasted until late this afternoon. Every city and town within reach of Paterson sent firemen and apparatus to the relief of the threatened city, and it took the united efforts of them all to win the battle.

A northerly gale gave the conflagration its impetus and carried its burning brands to kindle the blaze afresh at other points. The firemen made stand after stand before the wall of fire, but were repeatedly driven back, and when victory finally came to them they were grimed and exhausted.

A partial list of the properties destroyed follows:

Public buildings: City hall, public library, old city hall, police station, Number 1 engine house, patrol station, high school, school No. 10; First Baptist, Second Presbyterian, Park Avenue Baptist, St. Mark's Episcopal and St. Joseph's Roman Catholic churches; First national, Second national (partially), Paterson national, Silk City trust, Hamilton trust and Paterson trust banks; Y. M. C. A., Knights of Columbus, Progress, St. Joseph's hall and Hamilton clubhouses; Romaline, Katz, Marshall & Ball, Cohn, Old Town Clock, Old Kinnegreg and Stevenson office buildings; Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies' buildings; the Garden theater, the Evening News and Sunday Chronicle newspaper offices and 24 business blocks.

An estimate made from a general inspection of the smoldering ruins placed the number of dwellings and apartment houses destroyed at 500 and the number of families left without shelter at 1000. A later estimate when order succeeds confusion may alter those figures.

The fire began its work of far-reaching destruction at the power house of the Jersey City, Hoboken & Paterson Traction Co., which fronted on Broadway and extended a block to the rear on Von Houten street. It commenced in the car shed and was burning fiercely when one of the employees detected it. It was leaping through the roof, and the gale was lifting it in forks and swirls when the fire apparatus came clanging into Broadway, Main and Van Houten. The firemen tried to hem it in, but it speedily crossed Van Houten street in one direction and Main street in another, and gaining vigor as it went, burned unchecked down into the business district. Every piece of fire mechanism in the city was called out, but the fire was master. A great torch rose high in the air, lighting the country for many miles and carrying a threat and warning to the people and property in its path. There were efforts to rescue furniture and stock, but the speed with which the fire moved gave the rescuers little time. Property was often moved to a place of presumed safety, only to be eventually reached and destroyed. The warning to many was brief and they were forced to flee, scantily clad, into streets glazed over with ice and swept by the keen wind.

Main street was soon arched over with a canopy of fire for a block and then for two blocks, as the flames fastened themselves upon building after building. The firemen fought with every resource of the craft and the impulse of desperation, but the flames found new avenues in Ellison and Market streets and got beyond all control.

Calls for relief went out to every city in this portion of the state, and the aided firemen labored on through hopeless hours of the morning. The city halt, a magnificent structure, surmounted by a great clock tower, situated on Washington, Ellison and Market streets, finally caught, and with it all of the splendid business structures that surrounded it. They made a great furnace of fire that burned with a fierce roar.

There was a series of explosions and scores of walls fell when the fire left them strengthless. Flying fire brands carried the conflagration over some buildings and around others, and it therefore burned in an irregular course. These brands finally cleared the tracks of the Erie railroad and Ramapo avenue, and alighting on Straight street, started another great area of fire, in which the destruction and desolation wrought was nearly as great as in the first.

This second great fire started at

the angle of Park avenue and Washington street, and swept almost unchecked until on these two thoroughfares there was no more fuel. On the right hand side of Market street it encountered Sandy Hill cemetery as a barrier to check it, but on the left hand side, at Carroll street, it claimed St. Joseph's church, a great classic stone building. It was on this second great fire that the volunteer firemen from the outside cities did their most heroic and effective work. They fell back only when they had to, and when the natural obstacle interposed they seized the chance and stopped the fire.

The final and one of the most desperate fights of the day occurred in mid-afternoon, back in the first fire area, at the Hamilton club, situated at the corner of Church and Ellison streets. The handsome clubhouse caught and the exhausted firemen were rallied around it. They were anxious to save the structure and, besides, failure meant that the fire might take new headway among the properties adjoining the clubhouse. The building was doomed, however, but a torrent of water kept the fire to the premises. The four walls of the clubhouse stood, but the roof collapsed and the inner was completely burned out.

To check disorder and prevent crime Mayor Hinchcliffe and Sheriff Sturt to-night issued the following proclamation:

"Whereas, By reason of the recent fire it is necessary that prompt action be taken by the city and county authorities to protect the lives and property of our citizens by the strict enforcement of the ordinances of the city and the laws of the state of New Jersey:

Therefore, We, John Hinchcliffe, mayor of the city of Paterson, and John W. Sturt, sheriff of the county of Passaic, do hereby proclaim, that all persons shall refrain from traveling or being upon the public streets of the city of Paterson within the limits of the burned district after the hour of 7 o'clock p. m., and any person refusing or neglecting to obey this proclamation shall be subject to arrest and punishment. Householders and property owners within the said district will be allowed to pass upon giving satisfactory reasons and proofs to the officer or officers who may be assigned to the said district to enforce this proclamation.

Necessary instructions and authority have been given to the police officers, constables, deputy sheriffs and militia to enforce this proclamation.

Three relief meetings were held during the afternoon, the principal one of which was attended by Gov. Franklin Murphy, Mayor John Hinchcliffe and Recorder Geo. B. Senior, who, under the city's charter, is fire marshal. In a few moments \$800 was handed to the mayor for immediate use, but the chief magistrate said that while the city had suffered a terrible visitation, he was in a position to say that there was very little distress. The business section of the city had been practically wiped out, but the residence portion which suffered was that in which well-to-do citizens lived.

The armory of the Fifth regiment was made headquarters for the relief of any persons desirous of assistance, but up to a late hour no applicants for help visited the building. Maj. Geo. F. Olcott, who was in charge, said he did not expect to find more than a score of people who needed assistance.

Chief-of-Police Graul and Sheriff Sturt established temporary offices in the city treasurer's office and the sheriff swore in 50 special deputies who were immediately sent to the burned districts for the protection of life and property.

Gov. Murphy and Mayor Hinchcliffe said they were extremely grateful for the assistance given by the fire departments of the nearby cities which responded promptly to the calls for aid.

"I am deeply grateful to the men who so promptly came to our assistance," said the mayor, "and were it not for their quick arrival and subsequent heroic work I am afraid that the city of Paterson would by this time have been a desolate, black spot. Too much credit cannot be given by our citizens to the fire fighters and the thanks of the community, which has had such a severe visitation, while to my mind, inadequate, are the only offerings we can make to those who helped us in our terrible hour of need."

Temporary relief quarters were established early in the day at St. Paul's church where Dr. Hamilton presided at a meeting of the Ladies' Aid society, but it was stated that there were only a few applicants. The wants of these were quickly attended to.

AN ENTENTE CORDIALE.

Englishmen Propose to Erect an English Soil a Statue to George Washington.

London, Feb. 10.—David Christie Murray, the novelist and playwright, has written a letter to the Daily Chronicle with reference to the Anglo-American committee which was inaugurated under the presidency of the duke of Sutherland at Stafford House, a couple of years ago, to promote an entente cordiale, but which has since remained dormant, and is now sending circulars to its members asking them to assist in a platform propaganda. Mr. Murray thinks this is unnecessary, as it is needless to convert the converted; but he suggests that the committee take means to erect, by British subscription, and on British soil, a statue or other stately memorial to George Washington as a "national recognition of the justice of the cause in which he fought and a final sign of our amity with the American people."

Elberton, Ga., Burned.

Elberton, Ga., Feb. 10.—Fire here yesterday destroyed nearly all of the business section of this place, doing damage which is estimated at \$100,000. The city has no fire protection, and the bucket brigades formed by citizens were of no avail in a temperature of 20 degrees and a high wind.

THE WAR OFFICE SCANDAL.

Speculating Contractors Made Hundreds of Thousands of Pounds Reselling Contracts.

RHODES' AND THE DE BEERS' RAKE-OFF.

Public Indignation Threatens to Center Around the Secretary for War, Mr. Roderick, as Violently as It Did Around Lord Lansdowne, for Early War Blunders.

London, Feb. 9.—The apparent incompetence, and it is claimed, possible dishonesty, which permeate the purchasing departments of the British army, as revealed this week in parliament, have caused a public agitation that augurs badly for the war office. Judging from